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## Hungarian Jews unfazed by terror threat

### Thousands attend opening of new Holocaust Memorial Center

By Balint Molnar

Hundreds of security guards, helicopters hovering overhead, snipers on the rooftops of nearby buildings: the inauguration of Hungary's new Holocaust Memorial Center is likely to be recorded as the most protected event in the country's

recent past.

The official inauguration of the institution on April 15 — with the Israeli and Hungarian presidents in attendance, along with scores of ambassadors and high-level state officials — came only two days after the arrest of Saleh Tayseer, a Hungarian

citizen of Palestinian descent.

Tayseer, who as an aside from his dental practice also served as the imam of a small mosque in Budapest, was taken into custody and later charged with plotting to bomb a "Jewish museum" in Budapest. According to TV and newspaper reports, the Dar Es Salaam mosque Tayseer was heading received (Continued on page 2)

almost half a million Euros (approximately \$600,000 US) from a Saudi foundation that was recently added to the UN list of organizations that support terrorist organizations.

But for the almost 15,000 people — countless celebrities and politicians among them — who turned out to visit the Holocaust Memorial Center



Ottawa Jewish War Veterans march on the Colours during the first Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony held on Parliament Hill.  
(Photo: Peter Waisner)



### Happy Birthday, Israel!

Hillel Academy Choir performs during the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration at Agudath Israel Congregation. The event attracted 800 people and featured music by Nava Lightstone and the SJCC Shira Ottawa Choir, Israeli food and dancing. See details in *ChaiLights*, page C1.

(Photo: Peter Waisner)

## First official Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony held on Parliament Hill

By Diane Koven

Several hundred people, including some who travelled from Toronto, Montreal and Kingston, stood proudly on Parliament Hill to mark the observance of Canada's first annual Holocaust Memorial Day. The event took place on Sunday, April 18, 2004, which this year corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan, the official date on which it will henceforth be observed.

Dr. Joel Dmitry of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem chaired the event, which was also sponsored by Canadian Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre; B'nai Brith Canada; Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA); Canadian Jewish Congress; The Embassy of Israel; Ottawa Holocaust Remembrance and Education Committee; and the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir.

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## Hungarians unfazed by terror threat

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on its opening weekend, during which it was receiving visitors around the clock for three days, the threat of a potential terror attack was apparently of little concern.

Linda Zsolt, 27, feels that, as in the past, sites and organizations linked to the Jewish community will remain potential targets as they have been for years. "It is clear that these places will attract threats, maybe even attacks, but I am not overly concerned. I don't think well-organized terrorist cells oper-

ate in Hungary, even if there might be a few fanatics who would try to carry out some kind of an attack."

Zsolt thinks that attacks are more likely to take the form of vandalism and bogus phone threats, rather than something on a larger scale like the Istanbul or Madrid bombings.

Agnes Penzias, 59, a teacher, and her husband say that while they were shocked by the discovery of the terror plot, they did not even consider missing the opening event.



Thousands of Hungarians line up to attend the opening of the Holocaust Memorial Center in Budapest. (Photo: Balint Molnar)

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"I am always worried about people vandalizing Jewish buildings and graveyards, so you can imagine how frightened I was to learn about this terrorist plan. But then I saw how seriously they took the security arrangements, so that calmed me considerably," she said.

Andras Harsanyi, 29, who worked for years with EL-AL's Budapest office as a senior security officer, thinks the threat of serious terror attacks in Hungary is relatively low, but adds that preparedness has also plenty of room for improvement.

"The Jewish community's own security services are generally well prepared," he said. "Most of them participate in regular training in Israel. At the same time, the common perception that Hungary and even its Jewish sites are not prime terrorist targets seeps through the ranks of those who are charged with protecting these sites. This complacency could become a problem."

Zoltai is confident that all Jewish institutions are safe from attacks and that security at these sites is adequate. He says that, contrary to perceptions, the new Holocaust centre is not a Jewish institution. "It is a national institution funded and financed by the Hungarian government."



### Unlikely heroes honoured

Anna Heilman stands next to the Ottawa Jewish War Veterans plaque commemorating the actions of her sister and three other young Jewish women whom the Nazis publicly hung for helping to smuggle gunpowder into Birkenau. Although Heilman was involved in the scheme that resulted in the blowing up a crematorium, she was never caught.

The plaque was on display at the Canadian War Museum during Holocaust Memorial Day.

A tribute reception to Anna Heilman and the official unveiling of the plaque takes place following the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center Ottawa premiere of the film *Unlikely Heroes: Inspiring Stories of Jewish Heroism* on May 20 at the National Library of Canada.

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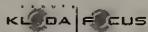
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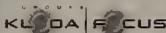
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## VAAD Report

Ariel Vered  
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The following article was written by Ariel Vered, daughter of Arnie Vered, upon her return from the 2004 UJA Community Mission to Israel.

If word of mouth is the best means of publicity, Israel is about to get a big PR boost, thanks to the recently returned 110-strong solidarity mission of which I was a proud participant. This mission, built upon last year's resoundingly successful mission, created bonds and friendships that will serve to enrich our community's ties to Israel, as well as providing the support that Israel so urgently needs.

We, as a group, crossed a psychological barrier in choosing to visit Israel in a time of such bitter strife, when so many are swayed by the powerful persuasion of the

media. This must be acknowledged as a victory, but at the same time, it is important to note the relative ease and peace of mind with which this trip was undertaken. At no point did any member of the mission express a concern about security, despite the fact that an armed guard constantly accompanied us. Fear did not even enter into our realm of consciousness as we spent our days enjoying the company of Israelis.

As a mission that truly represented a cross-section of our Jewish community, we were successful in forging relationships between community members, as well as between Israel and the Ottawa Jewish community. The different activities in which we participated allowed for interesting and meaningful connections with all those involved; sharing laughs, tears, and wonder at the resiliency of the Holy Land and our fellow Jews.

Being a Jewish community of only 14,000, it was comforting to be in Israel,

where it feels as if everyone is Jewish. It felt like being home. Living in the Diaspora, there is always an implicit desire for a return to the homeland, and this mission revealed to us that we do have a place in Eretz Israel.

The Israeli citizenry welcomed our mission with open arms. It was heart-warming to see how happy they were to have us, not only as a means of boosting tourism; simply stated, we were welcomed into their homes, and assured that we would always be welcome.

The appreciation of our visit was most obviously expressed through food. At every event, regardless of whether we were to be there for 45 minutes or two hours, we were provided with generous quantities of food and drink, carefully displayed on the tables. Israel thanked our solidarity effort of travel by offering us treats, and we ate (and ate, and ate) as a way of thanking them for their enthusiastic gratitude.

One of the most significant aspects of

our journey was our presence in Israel during Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut. To be amongst Israelis during these two days of central national importance was truly an honour. These celebrations take on a whole different character than our tributes here at home: to stand in the streets when the Yom Hazikaron siren sounded on April 25, at 8:00 pm, to see all traffic come to a halt and everyone emerging from their cars to stand in remembrance, was a singular experience.

Any trip to Israel is necessarily a transformative experience. Regardless of an individual's degree of religious involvement, the spirit of the Israeli people in the face of adversity is inspiring to all of us who live without fear or hardship. Our latest mission to Israel, which successfully bonded together 110 individuals of all ages and degrees of religiosity, is a continuation of our community's concerted effort to do what we can to help Israel achieve a peaceful existence.

## The overwhelming majority of Canadians hates 'hate'



### From the pulpit

Rabbi  
Reuven Bulka  
Machzikei Hadass

A few hours before I sat down to write this piece in anticipation of the deadline, and frankly not having decided on what topic to write, my problem was solved for me.

A good friend dropped by the shul to give me a cheque, handed to him by his next-door neighbour, to help rebuild the fire-bombed library of the Jewish school in Montreal. The lady did not recall the name of the school,

but she cared enough not merely to express outrage. She also put her money on top of her concern.

And it was not a small amount. If I tell you the amount was \$50, you might say that is a small amount. But before you say that, think of this gesture. This is a non-Jew, who has not been solicited, who does not live in Montreal, who undoubtedly has other charity priorities closer to home, who nevertheless thinks this is important enough to her, and to all of Canada.

If, on every important charity initiative, one tenth of the population would donate \$50, we would be in great shape.

Just a few minutes after this friend dropped by, I received, via the mail, another cheque for the school from a caring non-Jew.

You will not see these gestures in the

headlines. Bad news almost always makes for better copy. But not necessarily for a truer reflection of reality.

The truth is that the overwhelming majority of Canadians hate 'hate'. They realize that any expression of hate against anyone, be it verbal or physical, is an affront to human dignity and an insult to what this country is all about.

Does this mean that there are no anti-Semites in Canada? I wish that were so. Does it mean that we should not be concerned about the recent spate of anti-Semitic incidents? Absolutely not.

We can never be unconcerned about virulent anti-anyone messages. To do so would be tantamount to surrendering to evil. And we know where that can lead.

What this means is that our uncompromising fight against verbal poison and acts of violence needs to be placed in the right context. The right context is that this evil is unfolding in a country which detests evil, and is ready to fight.

Some fight with their cheque books, like the two ladies previously mentioned. Others fight by standing up and vigorously opposing this mode of expression. Witness the outpouring of wall-to-wall outrage from all political parties, federal, provincial and municipal, all religions, and the full scope of Canadian citizenship, at the recent outrages.

Yes, we are in a battle, but we are not in a battle alone. The overwhelming majority of Canadians, some quiet, others less so, share our pain and care about the future.

We need to be, at once, worried and encouraged, concerned and optimistic. We need to be uninhibited and enthusiastic in conveying our appreciation and encouragement to those who are unequivocal in carrying on the fight against hate.

In realizing that this is not an isolated

## Israel's population on Independence Day: 6.8 million

By Edgar Lefkovits

Israel's population as it marks its 56th Independence Day stands at 6,780,000, according to official government figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Eighty-one per cent of the population – some 5,180,000 people – is Jewish; the remaining 19 per cent is Arab.

Jerusalem is Israel's largest and most populated city, with 692,000 residents, of which 464,000 are Jewish and 228,000 are Arab.

Haifa is Israel's third largest city with a population of 270,500. The city had a population of less than 100,000 in 1948.

Among the 14 largest cities in the country are several of the first communities built by Jews who immigrated in the 1880s. Rishon Letzion, the first such community, is Israel's fourth largest city today with over 200,000 residents. In 1948 it had a population of 11,000 residents.

Sixty-six per cent of Israel's Jews were born in Israel; 34 per cent were born abroad. In contrast, in 1948, the figures were just the opposite, when just 35 per cent of the Jewish population was native born.

About 1.2 million of Israel's current residents – more than one in five of Israel's Jews – were born in the former Soviet Union or to a father who was born in the former Soviet Union, the figures showed.

Some 500,000 of Israel's residents claim Moroccan ancestry, 245,000 claim Iraqi ancestry, 240,000 claim Romanian ancestry and 220,000 claim Polish ancestry.

In the past year 144,000 babies were born in Israel, while 21,000 people immigrated to the country. Of the new immigrants, 11,000 came from the former Soviet Union, 2,600 from Ethiopia, 1,800 from France, 1,600 from the United States and 1,200 from Argentina.

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matter, a fight for Jews is instead a fight for Canada, to maintain Canada as a haven for harmony, we need to seriously ask ourselves what we are doing for Canada. Are we doing anything to promote harmony? Are we energetically engaged in activities, events, causes, that promote caring, empathy, wellness, comfort, for all Canadians?

If the answer is not an instantaneous "yes," then we need to do more, to build bridges, to strengthen communities, to tighten bonds, so that the hurt of any one group is intensely felt by all others, so that the success and thriving of one part of the population indeed means the success of all.

We can feel united only if, with purpose and resolve, we act united.

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## Editor

Barry Fishman

On Yom Hazikaron, as I was looking through the syndicated *Jerusalem Post* news service to which the *Bulletin* subscribes, I came across this photograph. It is heartbreaking. An Ethiopian woman, whose family had immigrated to Israel in 1991, sits next to her son's grave in the military cemetery on Mount Herzl, body bent over, mourning the loss of her 21-year-old, killed while defending Israel.

At 11:00 am on that day, sirens wail, people get out of their cars and respectively stand at attention. The country comes to a standstill. Families and friends visit cemeteries to pay their respects to the fallen. They are never alone. Nor are the soldiers ever forgotten. Military personnel from the deceased soldiers' units are at every cemetery to be with the families. Air Force Lt.-Col. Yosif Saltz, a clinical psychologist, heads a special unit that helps families cope with loss. Their mission, he told me, "is to help families to go on with their lives as best they can for as long as they can."

At sundown, in what can only be described as an amazing transition, the atmosphere changes from one of mourning to one of celebration as Israelis begin Yom Ha'Atzmaut.

A mere 56 years ago, the State of Israel began from the ashes of the Holocaust. What it has achieved in 56 years is nothing



An Ethiopian woman sits next to her son's grave on Mount Herzl on Yom Hazikaron.

(Photo: Ariel Jerozolimski, Jerusalem Post)

short of astounding. While the countries surrounding it are mired in poverty and lack basic freedoms, the only democracy in the Middle East, despite the terrorism it faces daily, has the 35th highest standard of living in the world, a life expectancy rate higher than the US and the UK, proportionately the highest number of university graduates and the largest number of hi-tech startups per capita in the world, and it has attracted venture capital at rates exceeding most European countries.

And yet, for all of this, its success as a country is more moral than materialistic. Unlike its enemies, Israel sees "the love of life" as a strength rather than a weakness. A love of life means Israel does its best to look after the families of fallen soldiers and the victims of terror. A love of life means,

when confronted by terrorists hiding among their own, Israel goes out of its way to protect Palestinian civilians, even if it puts its own soldiers in jeopardy. A love of life means, despite being under constant threat, Israel remains a democracy that allows Arab members of the Knesset to side with the country's enemies, that holds extensive judicial reviews on security matters and that allows freedom of the press.

Does it treat the Palestinians poorly? Sometimes it does. However, the irony is all that would change quickly if the Palestinian leadership were to decide to take action against the terrorism and violence. Peace is still possible.

As I sat enjoying the SJCC Ottawa Shira Choir at the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration at Agudath Israel Congregation, I thought of

the 110 Ottawa Jews on the mission to Israel who, in all likelihood, had the time of their life enjoying the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration on Mount Herzl. I am sure that after meeting many Israelis and seeing how their visit is so appreciated, they will come home energized, with a better understanding of the significance of Israel to Jews in the Diaspora as well as how important we are to Israel.

We should all reflect on what Israel means to us. For the 1,800 Jews, who this past year emigrated from France, Israel means leaving behind the anti-Semitism of Europe. For the 1,200 Argentineans, Israel means an opportunity to overcome economic hardships. For the 2,600 Ethiopians, Israel means living freely as Jews. For most of us, Israel means going home, even if this is our first visit there.

Israel needs and deserves our support. As it celebrates its 56th birthday, Ottawa Jews should be proud of their contribution to the success of the Jewish state. Thanks to your donations, victims of terror are helped, social institutions are provided with funds to assist the elderly and the underprivileged and Jews facing anti-Semitism and economic ruin anywhere in the world have a place to turn to.

But there is more we can do. We can learn about the issues and show our support for Israel by joining advocacy groups like CIIA-PAC and, most importantly, make it our goal to visit Israel in the near future. For Israelis that would be the ultimate birthday present - to know that the Jews in the Diaspora stand with them.

Happy 56th birthday Israel!



## How I see it

Bob Dale

Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham recently issued a statement condemning Israel's targeted killing of Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi. According to Graham, actions like this "can only impede progress toward a peaceful solution to the complex conflict in the Middle East."

Graham's comment, like others he has made about Israel, makes me wonder what they're putting in the salt shakers in the Lester B. Pearson Building cafeteria.

That's the only explanation I can think of whenever I hear the bizarre logic Graham and his Foreign Affairs bureaucrats apply when they discuss Israel. When terrorists commit atrocities against Israelis, their statements, while often critical, go out of their way to demonstrate "balance." You know, the "cycle of violence" thing: you blow up my kids in a pizza parlour or disco, or on a commuter bus, I'll target the people who planned those wicked attacks because there seems to be no other

way to stop them from happening, so we must be equally responsible for the whole mess. But whenever Israel takes actions against terrorists dedicated to obliterating the Jewish State, watch as Billy and his boys move into high gear, sticking it to Israel big time.

Now I know that assassinating someone, even in a targeted way, even when that person plots or carries out mass killings of innocent people and encourages others - including his own young people - to do the same thing, is serious business. Targeting killings are an extremely controversial strategy, even in Israel, the victim of so many of these crimes. But if Graham and his "experts" ever decided to look into the matter, they'd realize that there are good reasons why Israel has decided to embark on this path, however debatable and distasteful it might be.

Consider Abdel Aziz Rantisi. He was named to head Hamas in Gaza in March after the IDF eliminated Hamas' founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, Hamas' so-called "spiritual leader." (Important note before proceeding: the definition of "spiritual leader" seems to have been changed from its original meaning, when it applied to members of the clergy who taught and

practiced ethical and moral behaviour). Like Sheikh Yassin, Rantisi was a strong believer in Hamas' Charter, which is easily accessible on the Internet, even to bureaucrats who work for Foreign Affairs Canada. Among other things, it states that "there is no solution for the Palestinian question except through Jihad," that "initiatives, proposals and international conferences are all a waste of time and vain endeavours," and that "Israel will exist until Islam obliterates it." As if to underline these points, the charter also states that Hamas' struggle against the Jews "is very great and very serious."

Given the above, it's little wonder that Rantisi was considered a "specially designated global terrorist" by the United States. That's a label that wouldn't typically be applied to someone who, in Bill Graham's world, was working "toward a peaceful solution to the complex conflict in the Middle East."

The British government was just as clear about Rantisi, when it seized his assets in that country. Its actions were based on the fact that he was considered to be "a person who commits, facilitates or participates in [terrorist attacks]."

Given all this, I kind of wonder how

## Time to replace the salt shakers

Graham concluded that Israel's actions had impeded progress "towards a peaceful solution to the complex conflict in the Middle East."

What "progress" was Graham talking about? Did he know something about Rantisi that the United States and Britain didn't know? For instance, did Graham have a secret source who told him that Rantisi was a regular dinner guest at Ariel Sharon's house, while only pretending that Hamas wanted to obliterate Israel and Jews? I'd really like to see someone raise this issue in the House of Commons during Question Period, so we can all gain a fuller appreciation of Graham's knowledge of this "complex conflict."

More seriously, I think it's time somebody cleaned house at Foreign Affairs Canada, beginning with its minister, Bill Graham. The department's apparent inability to piece together the obvious and not-so-obvious clues about much of the Arab world's intentions towards Israel is positively mind-boggling.

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On the main stage, Israeli dancers and folk musicians will showcase Jewish enter-

tainment. And a special treat will be performances by the choirs from Hillel Academy and Yitzhak Rabin High School.

Once again, Ottawa's own, *A Touch of Klez* will perform their distinctive brand of Klezmer and Hebrew folk songs. Rounding out the show will be *Musica Ebraica* performing mainly ancient and new Jewish works.

Money raised at the AVIV Festival will help support agencies in the Ottawa Jewish Community and around the world, including Israel, through the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa (UJA), the central fundraising body for Ottawa's Jewish Community.

The festival will also include the March to Israel Walkathon, a children's activity zone designed by

Kloda Productions of Montreal, a marketplace, and much, much more!

For more information on entertainment and family fun at the 2004 AVIV Jewish Festival, please call 798-4696 ext. 227 or log on to [www.jewishottawa.org](http://www.jewishottawa.org).

## JFS to hold lecture series

Jewish Family Service (JFS) continuing education programs will be held on Monday, May 31 and Monday, June 21, beginning at 1:00 pm at the JFS, Suite 301, 2255 Carling Avenue. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Carmen Rodrigue, psychogeriatric resource consultant with the Geriatric Psychiatry Community Services will talk about the signs and symptoms of depression on May 31. If interested in attending, please register before May 21.

On June 21, Marguerite Mondor, director of spiritual care services, Ottawa Hospital, will speak about the dying experience, and how different faiths deal with it. Those interested in attending please respond by June 11.

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The accolade was well deserved. In an hour and a half that flew by in what seemed like scant minutes, Jennifer Ockison, noted artist/photographer/lecturer, spoke on Jewish Painters in 19th Century Europe, and held the gathering of 70 enthralled. Among the talents she presented for our edification were Austrian artists Tina Blau and Bronica Koller-Pinell and the accomplished members of England's artistic Solomon Family. We saw works by and learned about German artists Max Liebermann and Moritz Oaniel Oppenheimer, and the celebrated impressionist Camille Pisarro, among others.

Ms. Ockison left us wanting more. The 'more' will happen this fall, when she will deliver the second and final lecture of the series Jewish Influence in Contemporary Art.

This lecture series is the second of several programs we have created especially to raise JNF Ottawa's profile. The first, a March tour of the Dead Sea Scrolls guided by archeologist Eli Shenhav, Education Shaliach for JNF Eastern Canada, was so successful we had to repeat the evening one-week later.

#### Coming events:

• Sunday, May 30: UJA Ottawa has requested all community organizations to take part in its 2004 Walkathon on Sunday, May 30. JNF Ottawa is delighted to be participating in this worthy cause and will march proudly under the JNF banner. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

• Tuesday, June 22: When AJAS+ Creative Connections asked JNF Ottawa to give an update on all that JNF is, we were very happy to oblige. "Today, JNF is a whole lot more than the Blue Boxes and trees of my youth," said AJAS+ Board Chair Estelle Gunner. Our Jerusalem Emissary Oavid Harnik is coming in from Montreal for the express purpose of addressing the group which meets at the SJCC.

• Wednesday, June 16: Commemoration-Life of Herzl. Mark Mendelson, Executive Director Eastern Canada will attend this special event at which JNF Ottawa will have a very visible presence. SJCC, 7: 30 pm.

#### A half dozen become B'nai Mitzvah

Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to recent B'nai Mitzvah celebrants Conor Jacob Conway, Jenna Beth Greenberg, James Ezra Gutman, Gedalia Moshe Kerzner, Adam Matthew Bercovitch Sadinsky and Jennifer Leah Weitzman. The proud parents of each of these youngsters chose to add a meaningful dimension to the milestone by inscribing their child in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah is housed in a place of honour in JNF's Jerusalem office.

JNF Ottawa is currently seeking to expand membership on our vibrant board. Nominations are being accepted until May 31, and may be submitted IN WRITING to Lisa Cogan, 564 Hillsdale Road, Rockcliffe, Ontario K1M 0S1, or to the JNF Ottawa Office, 205-11 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, Ontario K2A 1R9.

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## Kidma helps marginalized women

By Danielle Nerman

Those who don't live in Israel often envision the Israeli woman as being strong and independent – the pioneer woman working the fields of the kibbutzim or the soldier with the rifle slung across her shoulder.

This image was somewhat true in the time when Israel was a newborn state. Jewish women who had made aliyah from all parts of the globe left their traditional roles behind to help their men toil the fields, protect the borders and build a country.

But as time passed, Israel changed. It was influenced by the peoples and cultures who emigrated from Arab countries, Eastern Europe and North Africa.

Adriane Popkin Schuster is the resource and development director of Kidma, an organization that works towards the advancement of women in Israel. She says that many of these immigrants brought with them their traditional family ideals. These ideals rubbed off on Israeli society.

"After kibbutzim, the role of the Israeli woman changed and became more domestic," said Popkin Schuster at a lecture on the current state of

Israeli women at Temple Israel.

This shift happened in the 1950s, just after the height of the kibbutz movement. Sephardic women who came from traditional families, where educating women was not the norm, found themselves working in low-level factory jobs. Even today, Israeli women working in government make 20 to 30 per cent less than men.

It is for this reason that Popkin Schuster says there is a need for an organization like Kidma.

"Kidma is directed towards helping those women who have been marginalized in Israeli society to break out of the mould."

Kidma's objective is to reach women who have not had the chance to experience university, either because they did not meet the requirements for admission or could not cover the cost.

The organization provides workshops, courses, seminars and lectures to women from all sectors of Israeli society – Jews, Muslims, Christians, and new immigrants from Ethiopia and the Former Soviet Union.

The organization is housed at the University of Haifa, but it is not under its financial umbrella. Kidma is a not-for-profit organization that receives the majority of its funding from charities, foundations and private donations.

Some of the course topics Kidma has offered in the past include women and multiculturalism, women as leaders in Israeli society and leadership development and community involvement.

"Kidma's programs aim to empower women," says Popkin Schuster. "We want our participants to take the skills they've learned and bring them back into their communities."

Kidma has just recently started training Israeli police

officers, both male and female, on how to better deal with domestic violence and is providing social workers with up-to-date information on family violence.

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## Schwarzenegger: duty to help spread tolerance worldwide

By Etgar Lefkovits

Vowing to fight for coexistence and mutual respect among mankind around the world, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Sunday laid the cornerstone of Jerusalem's Museum of Tolerance, and paid tribute to the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

"The world should know we are not building a bunker. Israel is looking forward past the suicide bombers, the terrorists, past the blood, the

violence and the hatred to a time people can live side by side in peace and coexistence," Schwarzenegger said in the keynote address at the museum groundbreaking ceremony in central Jerusalem.

In an emotional, highly personal address, Schwarzenegger recalled his native country of Austria, where "intolerance and ignorance led to atrocities and heartaches" more than six decades ago.

"Because of that I want to

do whatever I can to promote tolerance and inclusion around the world," he said.

"If only those cramped in the darkened boxcars could have a glimpse of what we are doing today... if only those in the camps could know that we have them in our hearts half a century later," he said. The \$200 million museum, a project of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, is being designed by the world-renowned architect Frank Gehry and is expected to be completed in 2007.

Calling the people of Jerusalem "some of the bravest people on earth," Gehry said that his lifelong dream of building a project in Israel was being realized.

The museum, which will be constructed adjacent to the city's Independence Park off Rehov Hillel, will include a separate children's museum, a theater complex, an international conference center, a library, and a gallery for special exhibitions.

In deference to Yad Vashem, whose own new museum is scheduled to be completed next year, the Museum of Tolerance will not deal with the Holocaust, but will focus on issues of human dignity and responsibility and seek to promote



(Left to right): California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder and dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and Jerusalem Mayor Uri Lupolianski at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Center for Human Dignity - Museum of Tolerance Jerusalem.

(Photo: Ariel Jerozolimski)

unity and respect among Jews and between people of all faiths.

Later in the evening, at a private dinner at the King David Hotel, the celebrity actor-turned-politician, who has contributed more than \$1 million to the Wiesenthal

Center, said that he felt it was his duty to help spread tolerance around the world.

"I'm not doing anyone a favour. It is my duty and obligation to do this, to promote peace, inclusion and

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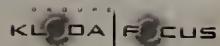
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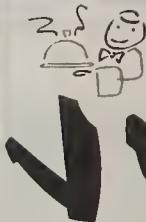
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## Anne Frank, 60 years after: a lesson on giving

By Jacques Shore

I was awestruck in 1974 – at 17 years of age – when my then girlfriend (now wife) and I visited the *Secret Annex* in which the late Anne Frank hid for more than two years in Amsterdam during the period when Holland had been occupied by Nazi troops.

Overwhelmed is another, yet still incredibly understated, description I can use to explain how I felt taking a glimpse of a horrific episode of the recent past in which Anne Frank, along with one million other Jewish children, perished at the hands of Nazi tyranny during the Second World War in Europe.

I marvelled how this young girl, not much older than a child (but so wise in thought and expression), could continue to believe that man is ultimately good and that optimism should never be a casualty, even during most desperate times. So much to learn, so much to draw upon, so

much to feed our souls from the written words of this innocent disciple of humanity. Anne's brilliance was only exceeded by her maturity and wisdom – light years beyond her numerical age.

Flash forward, early December 2003; I was invited to sign my children's book, *Menorah in the Night Sky: A Miracle of Chanukah*, at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, in Washington, D.C. Unbeknownst to me until I arrived, I learned that in honour of the Museum's 10th anniversary, it organized an exhibition of a selection of Anne Frank's original writings – some never before on display and none previously shown outside the Netherlands.

I took the time to visit this amazing exhibit and to shed tears for Anne Frank, and for the genuine and natural expectations this fine child had for the world around her. Not for a moment could she have recognized or fathomed the evil that had pervaded her surroundings and her world by the war.

Again, identical to my visit to the *Secret Annex* in Amsterdam, a wave of pain, a great sense of sadness and emptiness linked to the loss of the tragedy of the Holocaust returned to my being. There were no answers.

Perhaps only lessons, which we have yet to comprehend. However, the world remains no less immune today of examples of inhumanity to humanity.

*So set a good example, and it won't take long for others to follow ...*

– Anne Frank

wonder about the lives of so many of the children and adults around them? Granted, everyone has given a coin to a beggar at some time or another, though they usually just shove it into his hand and slam the door. And in most cases the generous donors think it's disgusting to touch that hand! Am I right or not? Then, afterwards, people are amazed that beggars are so shameless! Wouldn't you be shameless too if you were treated more like a dog than a human being? ...

But above all, a gift should never be flung in anyone's face – every person has a right to kindness. Why should you be nicer to a rich lady than to a poor one? Has anyone ever studied the difference in their characters? ...

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## Remembering the Holocaust at the Dutch Theatre, Amsterdam

By Gregory Racz

I always visit Jewish sites whenever I travel for business or pleasure. I usually go to museums, visit synagogues and other places connected to the Shoah or the Jewish past or presence in that particular location.

Once I visited Hollands Schouwburg, the Dutch Theatre in Amsterdam. This is an important site related to the Shoah in The Nether-

lands. It was here where Dutch Jews were sent before being deported to concentration camps.

An elderly friend of mine, a non-Jewish professor of immunology accompanied me there. It was not his first time. Yet I noticed an expression of surprise on his face. I could see the astonishment and the sadness in his eyes while he was looking at the docu-

ments and descriptions.

We were not talking to each other. I was moving a bit ahead like someone who is in a hurry. I just didn't want to look at the exhibition together with him, next to him.

I didn't want him to see me and to notice to what extent the Holocaust is so deeply engraved in the soul of individuals of the second and third generation.

When he stopped at the wall of the names of the Dutch Jews collected at this place, I wasn't able to avoid communicating with him. He said he remembered his friends and fellow classmates whom he loved and whose names were also collected here. They may not have been aware at that time what was going to happen to them. Today we know their sad fate.

In the courtyard there are tulips of various colours on the wall. There are little cards attached to the tulips. I saw cards with figures, drafts and drawings of little children, some with a few words printed in capital letters. It was hard to figure out what the letters were supposed to be. These were messages of young children.

I took a picture of this,

which I used to keep in my wallet along with my T'Filot Haderech (traveller's prayer).

In the photo you can see the Star of David. Next to it there is a line written in capital letters saying: "Dat mag nooit meer gebeuren" which means: it must not happen again!

Gregory Racz is an Ottawa UJA campaign administrator.

## Anne Frank: 'set a good example'

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your seat to rich mothers, think of the poor ones too. And say "excuse me" when you step on a poor person's toe, just as you say it to a rich one ...

So set a good example, and it won't take long for others to follow. More and

more people will become kind and generous, until finally no one will ever again look down on those without money.

I believe it is critical for us to consider her thoughts and sensitive reflection, since our goals of achieving

at least some small measure of social justice, reducing poverty, and identifying ways to improve the lives of those less fortunate in our blessed Canada, can be addressed more easily if we take into account the honest observations and simple approach conveyed in Anne's short passages, written just over 60 years ago (March 26, 1944).

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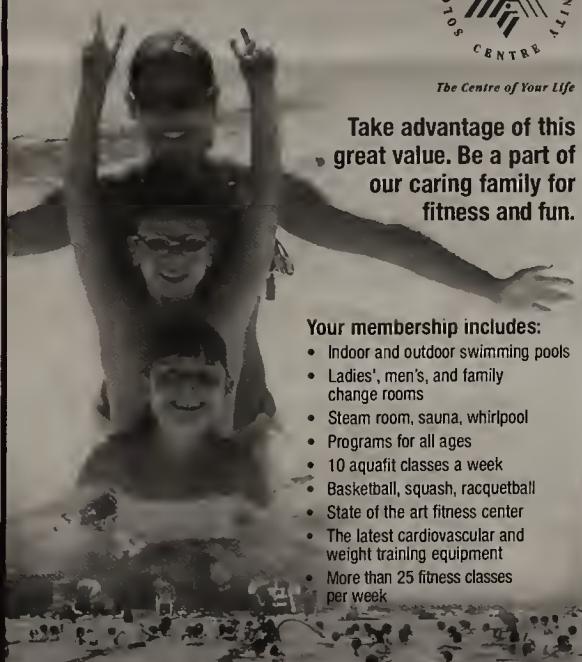
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Many of the 800 people attending the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration at Agudath Israel Congregation enjoy learning and participating in Israeli dancing.

(Photo: Samuel Silcox)

## Do not believe everything you read

By Roger Greenberg

A couple of weeks ago, my wife and I had the pleasure of celebrating our daughter's Bat Mitzvah. This event, in and of itself, was a beautifully moving experience. It was only enhanced by the fact that the ceremony took place on top of historic Masada in Israel.

There, surrounded by family and friends – including several young friends of my children, we shared in the religious ceremony that marks the change from childhood into young adulthood. But the change experienced by everyone during our visit was equally significant.

My wife and I had been planning this family simcha for some time and we were eager to ensure that the experience was all that it could be. For 10 days, we travelled throughout Israel, from Jerusalem to the Galilee, to Ashkelon and many points in between.

During our journey, we encountered so many Israelis whose warm faces reflected the gratitude that they held for us just for being in the country. The cities we entered were both beautiful and bustling, and we frequented restaurants and hotels without any hesitation whatsoever. Even in Ashkelon, 10 kilometers north of the Gaza Strip, we enjoyed a wonderful and peaceful Shabbat.

When our plane landed back in Toronto, just days after the death of Sheik Yassin, I found myself leafing through the latest copy of the *Globe and Mail*, and read that 'Israel [was] in the grip of terror.' My initial thought was, 'what country are they talking about?' I could not imagine that this was the same Israel that I had just left mere hours before. I certainly saw no evidence of such panic.

The media often has a tendency to sensationalize events to sell more papers or generate a greater number of viewers. I am aware of this. However, and most unfortunately, the supposedly unbiased and dispassionate media is having a devastating impact on the lives of people in Israel.

I know that when our own hospitality industry in Canada was affected by last year's

panic over the outbreak of SARS and Mad Cow Disease, the livelihood of many people and business operations were seriously impacted. Many individuals cancelled vacation plans, conferences and business trips because of such threats. Even though the vast majority of us living in Ontario felt that we were out of harm's way.

And therein lies my point. Israel is a safe country to visit.

Of course our itinerary did not include travelling into certain cities in the West Bank and Gaza. Why would it? We wanted to see Israelis and Israeli culture up close and intimately. We knew exactly where we wanted to be, and we planned our trip accordingly. Any sensible traveler would.

Take a quick look at the crime sheets and statistics in any major North American city such as New York, Miami, Los Angeles or Detroit. There are many neighbourhoods that I would avoid visiting. There are numerous crimes being perpetrated in those cities every day, but it hardly warrants those communities to either live 'in the grip of terror' or turn valuable tourism away from those cities altogether.

There is a problem within society that allows this violence to exist the world over, but we must be careful to consider our response to it realistically and appropriately.

Israelis are so thankful for our support in their time of crisis because they know that it is a shared crisis for Jews all over the world. But a vibrant and strong State of Israel is the only answer to terror now and a lasting peace in the future.

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## Broadway: a very un-Jewish *Fiddler on the Roof*

By David Hoffman

It was inevitable that *Fiddler* would return to Broadway in 2004 to celebrate its 40th anniversary. What was not so obvious was the direction it would take.

The preview I saw prior to its official opening had a very 'un-Jewish' flavour. Except for Barbara Barrie (who played Yenta – very Jewishly I might add), and John Cariani (Motel) there were no others in the cast

who played their roles in traditional 'Jewish' ways.

The Sunday night before the play opened, Barbara Barrie (Yenta) was fired. Rumours flew that Director David Leveaux thought Barrie was playing the part too Jewishly.

Alfred Molina (Tevye) is so miscast you wonder if he will last until the anniversary show in September. He is such a non-entity as Tevye you feel no compassion for his plight. Sympathy for his character and situation is the very basis of the audience's connecting with him from the time he opens the play with 'Tradition' to the end where the Jews are forced out of 'Anatevka.'

Tradition and a strong sense of family are the cornerstones of Judaism. You always walk out of *Fiddler* humming the tunes and feeling proud to be Jewish. Sure, you can argue and you would be right, that the play espouses a universal theme, but ultimately to be understood the way it was intended, *Fiddler* must be a Jewish play, about Jews, who sing Jewish music and convey Jewish experiences whether they be Shabbos, or shadchan, anti-Semitism or even a pogrom.

I was not alone in my criticism of the play. Michael Riedel from the *New York Post* wrote that Leveaux had "de-Jewed" *Fiddler* by casting Italians and Spaniards in the principal roles and that the new *Fiddler*, "lacked a Jewish Soul."

It is possible that the reason is that it replaces the

casting of non-Jews in the roles is more than coincidence. Maybe the answer can be found in the Sunday, October 12, 2003 edition of the *New York Post*. It revealed that final callback auditions for *Fiddler on the Roof* were scheduled for Yom Kippur.

But it is not only the un-Jewishness of the play that disappoints. The play opens with all of the characters on the stage in silence instead of dancing out into a circle; the band is not down in the orchestra pit but on the stage, and when they open with 'Tradition,' you know you are in for a long night. I was not sure if Tevye was enriched by tradition or could take it or leave it.

When he sings, 'If I Were A Rich Man,' he does it with so little feeling, you can tell the song is way out if his singing range and as a result he misses the emotion and humour of the song.

The only redeeming qualities of this play are an amazing set that looks like it is directly from a Chagall painting, some clever effects in Tevye's dream, Hodel's voice (played by Laura Michele Kelly) and Motel, the tailor (played by John Cariani). But, these bonuses do not save the musical.

Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick who co-wrote the original music and lyrics respectively, added a new song 'Topsy Turvy' which to say the least is not one you will sing while leaving the theatre.

Even more disappointing

'rumour' song, 'I Just Heard.'

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## Sterling flatware: Aaron Rosenthal legacy

By Dawn Logan,  
Ottawa Jewish Archives

At the recent Ottawa Antiques Fair, one of the first treasures I saw was a complete set of sterling flatware stamped with A. J. Rosenthal on the back of each piece.

The name Rosenthal in Ottawa is synonymous with silver. Aaron Rosenthal arrived in Ottawa during 1878 at the same time as Moses Bilsky moved his young family from New York City.

Aaron Rosenthal was born in Lobsenz, Germany in 1831. At the tender age of 13 and by way of India, Ceylon, he eventually reached Australia and was there at the time of the 1859 gold rush.



Aaron Rosenthal

He was in the jewelry business for a number of years in Australia and also met his wife, Bertha Lehman in that country, and married there. By way of England, the Rosenthals moved to Montreal and in 1875 they are residing in Montreal.

Three years later, Aaron Rosenthal is in Ottawa setting up his jewelry business. Mr. Rosenthal's business prescience was demonstrated when he realized that

Ottawa, as the new capital, was bound to grow and his Ottawa business would flourish as well. In fact, he was in the same line throughout his life and was an authority on matters pertaining to all branches of the jewelry trade. Around 1903, his four sons, Adolphe, Samuel, Martin and Harry all joined the business and the firm became known as A. Rosenthal and Sons Ltd.

Upon the death of Aaron Rosenthal on October 1, 1909, *The Ottawa Evening Journal* reported that "the Capital lost one of its best citizens and a man with active business interests of this city for the last 31 years."

Nearly 20 years later, *The Jew in Canada* reminded its subscribers that "the late A. Rosenthal was one of the pioneer Jewish citizens of Ottawa belonging to that

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sturdy generation who were amongst the founders and builders of the Jewish community of Canada. Mr. Rosenthal took a leading part in the philanthropic movements in Ottawa and was actively interested in all the charitable, welfare and educational undertakings, especially in the Jewish community. His sterling reputation and upright character will long be remembered in all parts as his business connections extended from coast to coast."

These fine sentiments were written in 1926. However, with no Rosenthal descendants in Ottawa for over half a century, a Rosenthal "landmark" has been difficult to establish in Ottawa. If anyone who reads this article is interested in bringing a set of Rosenthal silver flatware back to Ottawa, please contact the Ottawa Jewish Archives.

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Nava Lightstone conducts the SJCC Shira Ottawa Choir

## Israel vigorous and vibrant on its 56th birthday

By Maxine Miska

We began with memories of the fallen and ended with memories of struggles and triumphs. On Yom HaZikaron, Sunday night, April 25, members of the Ottawa Jewish community gathered to remember fallen Israeli soldiers at Agudath Israel Congregation. The next evening the same seats were filled with 800 people celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's day of Independence.

The Ambassador of Israel to Canada, Haim Divon, spoke on both evenings. In his addresses he emphasized the resilience of the Israeli spirit and Israel's triumphs – not only in the military sense – but in culture, democracy and modernity. In the grip of a economic hardships caused by terrorism, Israel has nonetheless maintained its position in the vanguard of high-tech and science.

Sara Vered, Chair of Yom Ha'atzmaut 2004, presented the "Israel in Song," a reprise of songs that signified important experiences in Israel's history. Her own role as a teenager engaged in the 1948 war paralleled the development of the young country. The song were performed by the Shira Ottawa choir, conducted by Nava Lightstone, who also sang several solos. These musical vignettes of the past were in contrast to the performance of the Hillel Academy

Choir, directed by Ricki Grebler. The children sang in English, French and Hebrew, true harbingers of their future fluency in Canadian and Israeli culture.

The celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut continued the next morning with the flag raising ceremony. The continuity between generations was again evident, as the students from Hillel Academy read letters they had written to Israeli soldiers, the Ganon Preschool and Early Beginnings Multicultural Child Development Centre sang, and the Canadian and Israeli flags were raised before the Honour Guard of the Jewish War Veterans.

Within the community, Jews differ by degree of religious affiliation – from the unaffiliated to those that are strongly committed. Among the latter there is an almost equally wide spectrum including orthodox, conservative, reform, and reconstructionist, plus a range of differences within these categories. There are also major cultural differences, which has become more evident as the immigrant population in Canada – and the geographic and cultural distances separating these immigrants from established communities – continues to grow.

While there have always been differences between members of the community, what is new and becoming worrisome, is the tendency for Jews to emphasize their differences rather than their shared identity. This manifests itself through increasing mutual intolerance, reinforced by strong social, cultural, and institutional separation.

That is why the Soloway Jewish Community Centre appealed to me as a welcome step in the right direction. The SJCC encourages Jews to view themselves as members of a single group, and as a mechanism to strengthen that community by providing a place – both physical and psychological – where all facets of the Jewish community are encouraged to meet in an atmosphere of mutual acceptance and respect.

The JCC has existed since 1951, and has adopted a new vision, mission statement, and operational approach aimed at restoring and strengthening the sense of shared nationality, and encouraging Jews to relate to each other and the surrounding world from that basis. Having just recently become aware of this determination, I joined with a sense of gratitude and pleasure, and have accepted a position on the Board of Directors.

The following is a synopsis of the SJCC's goals:

The SJCC strives to: be the heart of the entire Ottawa Jewish community; provide a place of connection for all community members; act as a gathering place for Jewish people; address social, cultural, physical and intellectual needs; provide a full spectrum of programs and services for Jews and non-Jews so as to build an environment of trust, respecting individual differences regardless of communal and religious affiliation; and above all, seeks to be inclusive and to provide a genuine sense of community.

It would be wise to adopt the spirit of the SJCC vision, mission, and approach outlined above – to seize on these values and objectives, to encourage them and to seek practical ways of sustaining them in a substantial way, based on a sense of mutual responsibility and pride in a shared community.

## FROM BABIES TO BUBBIES

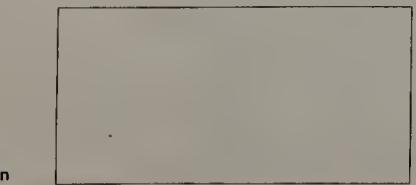
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## Lifeguards compete with success

By Mike Levitan

During the last weekend in March, six aquatic staff from the SJCC competed at the 2004 Winter Regional Championships in Ottawa. The four-person team of Shannon Bennett, Sogol Nasirian, Andrew Harman, and Breelyn Lancaster finished in 6th place, while the two-person team of Rustan Kedik and Chris Lindsay successfully defended their regional title. The SJCC has won the small team competition three of the past four years!

The two-person SJCC lifeguard team will be competing in the Canadian National Pool Championships in Montreal, May 27-29. Pending positive results, the team hopes to attend the United States National Surf-Rescue Championships Aug 5-7 in Daytona Beach, Florida. This event is a warm up for the Canadian Surf-Rescue Nationals at Ringers Beach, Nova Scotia, Aug 29-31. The top Canadian finalists are invited to the World Championships in Viareggio, Italy, Sept 20-26.

Lifeguard competitions are an excellent way to showcase the talent of our aquatic staff, and an opportunity for them to learn from



Rustan Kedik and Chris Lindsay

other competitors devoted to life saving skills and practice.

The end result is a dedicated and motivated swim staff, improved swim instruction for our members, and novel programming ideas for the future. The SJCC is the only Jewish Community Centre in Canada that competed at last year's

National Championships!

To help defray competition and equipment costs, fundraising ideas and donations are graciously welcome. Please direct your inquiries to the Aquatics Manager, Chris Lindsay, at 798-9818 ext.377, [clindsay@jccottawa.com](mailto:clindsay@jccottawa.com) to see how you can help.

## FROM THE TOP

### Message from the SJCC Board

By George Seaden

In this and future issues of *From The Top*, we will be highlighting the new initiatives set forth by the committees of the Strategic Plan. In this issue we present the Facility Management Committee.



George Seaden

representatives of the entire Jewish Community Campus, meetings with experts to enhance the perimeter safety, and streamlining current safety arrangements;

4. Ensuring there are adequate budgetary provisions for future maintenance and major/minor capital improvements via the Campus Property Board. A new 30-year life cycle study has been commissioned by the Vaad Ha'ir, to determine the funds necessary to properly maintain and improve all campus facilities;

5. Reviewing the SJCC annual budget with the understanding that future budget proposals may be submitted to the standing committees for comment prior to being finalized;

6. Reviewing operational issues that were reported by members with the expectation that all SJCC users will view this Committee as a vehicle for voicing suggestions to improve the operational efficiency of our facilities.

If you care about the long-term goals of the SJCC facilities, or wish to make suggestions on the current state of affairs, we encourage you to attend our meetings as a guest, or to become a valuable committee member. Please contact the Facility Committee Chair George Seaden by email [george.seaden@rogers.com](mailto:george.seaden@rogers.com)

Recently, the Facility Committee has dedicated its work to:

1. Ensuring there is a decision framework for operational priorities - accounting for capital, maintenance and operations, and spending priorities for short and long-term needs;

2. Ensuring there is a performance framework to evaluate the progress of SJCC operations over a period of time. Performance standards are being developed to serve as the benchmark for future SJCC operations;

3. Ensuring users of the SJCC are safe and secure through joint discussions with

For more information about the new SJCC Strategic Plan, and information about the other standing committees, please contact the Chair of the Board of Directors Bruria Cooperman by email [bruriacooperman@rogers.com](mailto:bruriacooperman@rogers.com).

## Fitness Profiles



Marcia Cooper PhD, RD  
Registered Dietitian

The SJCC is pleased to welcome Marcia Cooper as our new Registered Dietitian consultant.

Marcia completed her BSc at Ryerson Polytechnic University, obtained MSc and PhD degrees in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Toronto, and received a Psychology certificate from Ryerson Polytechnic University. Her PhD thesis examined an evidence-based process for developing national dietary guidelines.

Marcia is a member of the Dietitians of Canada, the College of Dietitians of Ontario, and the American Dietetic Association. Her extensive work experience and dedication to the practice have earned her accolades in scholastic arenas for several publications. Currently, she is the co-chair of the Dietitians of Canada Food and Culinary Network and is a Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Bureau of Nutritional Sciences, Health Canada.

Book your consultation with Marcia by contacting the Aerobics/Fitness Manager Carla Gencher, at 798-9818 ext.268, [cgenger@jccottawa.com](mailto:cgenger@jccottawa.com)

**Gurudeep Kaur, Yoga instructor**  
Gurudeep Kaur is a certified Yoga instructor, teaching in the Ottawa area since 1999. She began studying yoga in 1993, and is qualified in several disciplines includ-

ing Ashtanga, Kundalini, Hatha, White Tantric, Pre/Post-natal, and is also a Reiki Master Practitioner.

Motivated by the profound healing effect yoga has had on her life, Gurudeep's teaching style is motivating, challenging and uplifting, as she shares her knowledge and dedication to the practice of yoga.

Whether you are new to yoga or have been practicing for years, Gurudeep will help you address specific needs, and dramatically improve your range of motion, flexibility and posture.



To enhance one's understanding of yoga and to develop an appreciation for the meaning of yoga, one must practise yoga.

Visit the SJCC today and pick up a Spring/Summer Program Guide for yoga class information. There are many different options available for the yoga enthusiast in everyone.

## Career Corner

### Career opportunities with the Soloway Jewish Community Centre

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- Qualified candidates will be responsible for the development, implementation and supervision of programs and activities for children 5 and under (not associated with the Ganon Preschool).
- For this part-time position E.C.E certification is preferred.
- Prerequisites also include excellent organizational skills, proven leadership skills, creativity, and experience working with children. Knowledge of Judaica and Hebrew are highly valued.

Please fax or email your resume and cover letter to the attention of Jennifer Kwavnick - fax 798-9839 - email [jkwavnick@jccottawa.com](mailto:jkwavnick@jccottawa.com)

## CHAILIGHTS

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Last year, 144 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day of golf and great company at the 2003 Desert Classic Golf Tournament.

This annual fundraising event supports two cornerstones of the Ottawa Jewish community, Hillel Academy and the SJCC.

This is the 3rd year Steven Kerzner has chaired the Desert Classic, which raised over \$50,000 last year. A special thank you to all of our sponsors and participants for continuing to make this tournament a huge success.

Continuing its initiative to partner with outside organizations, the SJCC and the Ottawa Rehabilitation Centre present the 1st Annual Gala Evening at the National Arts Centre.

This year's fundraising feature is *The Graduate*, starring Kelly McGillis.

We are honoured to introduce Sarah Swedler as the Chair of this special event.

Along with a dedicated and dynamic team, Sarah and her committee have arranged for a complete evening of dining, entertainment, and fun.

There are several sponsorship opportunities available, and everyone is invited to attend this fabulous soirée.

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**See you on the links!**



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On July 3, 2004, we mark the 100th anniversary of the passing of Theodore Herzl.

In tribute to his life and the Zionist Movement, the Vpered Israel Cultural & Educational Centre will host a commemorative program at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

**Wednesday, June 16  
at 7:30pm**

This event includes a celebration in poetry and song, featuring the Shira Ottawa Choir, Hillel Academy Choir and displays by students from Ottawa Jewish schools.

**FREE ADMISSION**

For more information please call Penni Namer at 798-9818 ext. 276, [pnamer@jccottawa.com](mailto:pnamer@jccottawa.com)



## Lecture Series with Dr. Henry Habib

Middle East expert and Professor Emeritus in the department of Political Science at Concordia University, Dr Henry Habib returns to the SJCC for three interesting and insightful lectures:

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## JCC SUMMER CAMP NEWS

NEWS ABOUT THE NEW JCC SUMMER CAMPS - FOR THE SUMMER OF YOUR LIFE 2004

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**NEW**

## Dr. Sid Kardash honoured for helping trauma unit

One of the best-known trauma units in the world is at the Hadassah Hospital near Tel Aviv. Victims of terror are all-too-frequently brought to this facility for life-saving care. Each catastrophic event brings another wave of wailing ambulances to the emergency room doors where every second counts.

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO is dedicated to raising money to ensure that the trauma unit maintains its world-class status. The Healthcare Services Brunch in honour of Dr. Sidney Kardash will be held



Dr. Sid Kardash

Sunday, June 6, 11:30 am at Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive. Guest speaker is Linda Schumacher, execu-

tive director, Ottawa Women's Health Centre. Her topic will be *The Shirley E. Greenberg Women's Health Centre: A positive approach to women's health care*.

Dr. Kardash, a lifelong Ottawa resident and busy pediatrician, has been involved in Jewish community affairs for 35 years. He is a past president of the Agudath Israel Synagogue and a past chair of the UJA of Ottawa. He has a particular interest in the trauma unit and has spearheaded a fundraising campaign for both the

unit and for the purchase of an ambulance for Magen David Adom.

The Hadassah Hospital emergency room and trauma unit cares for 80,000 patients a year - from auto accidents to heart attacks. But it is the mass casualties of suicide bombings that grabs the headlines. These personal and political tragedies make the trauma unit unique.

The unit is working to the absolute limits of its physical capacity. By building a new centre for emergency medicine, Hadassah will bring

emergency medicine in Israel to new heights.

The Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO Healthcare Services Brunch will help make this dream a reality.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased from Jeanette Finkelstein (828-9272) or Beryl Ben-Reuven (828-4767). The Healthcare Services chair is Sharon Michaelson.

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## Amit Hadassah-WIZO tea benefits Israeli women

By Ruth Kahane Goldberg

Amit Chapter of Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO invites the community to join in honouring Toby Yan at a tea to benefit the Women for Women project in Israel. It will be held on Sunday, June 13, 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the home of Mindy Bullion and Joe Benmergui, 1883 Norwood Avenue, Alta Vista.

"We are proud to honour Toby Yan for her dedication to Hadassah-WIZO, her love for Israel and her special ability to work with members both locally and nationally," says Amit President Debbie Goldstein.

Yan joined Amit Chapter of Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO in 1977, wanting to continue her connection with Israel after travelling there. She has

made an important contribution to the organization in the roles of Ottawa council president; national leadership trainer; and national executive board department coordinator public affairs, programming and education.

Yan has chosen Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's Women for Women Project as the event's beneficiary. The project raises awareness of Israeli women's issues and provides support for telephone hot lines, shelters for battered women, half-way houses, and legal aid to victims of domestic violence.

Under her instigation, Hadassah-WIZO currently is involved in a pilot partnership with the Canada Israel Committee. Through workshops provided by the CIC,



Toby Yan

Hadassah-WIZO members in cities across Canada are learning how to become more confident to dispel anti-Israel myths and propaganda. "The focus is on advocacy and helping to develop advocacy skills among our members. As individual Canadian citizens, we can play a role in our communities as support-

ers of Israel and as proponents of Canadian values - democracy, tolerance and fairness," she says.

Hadassah-WIZO has special strength as an organization, Yan says, in that it knows how to "grow its volunteers." It spends resources, time and energy on learning opportunities - public affairs seminars, leadership development and fundraising seminars, conventions and regional meetings.

"Hadassah-WIZO has always ensured that we are well aware of the projects we support in Israel. I have learned a great deal about Israel and its ability to adapt and still to develop."

For tea and donation information, please contact, Debbie Baylin, (521-9092).

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

*JFS is asking for your help now!*

- Kanata area (Catherwood Cr.) ... an older woman from Russia/Israel here about 6 years. Very friendly, highly motivated, pleasant, wants to improve her conversational English. Two or three visits a month would be highly appreciated.

- Richmond Road senior from Russia has been attending ESL classes but would like that extra chance to improve her conversational English.

- Market Area ... immigrant from Russia who has been in Ottawa for quite awhile needs the help of someone who can enhance her English skills and would benefit from a social connection from our community. If you are someone who regularly goes to the market, would you consider a visit with her?

- Alta Vista area/Yiddish-speaking volunteer. Devoted senior couple from Ukraine in Canada for 4 years need that little extra help to improve their English. Very highly motivated, Mrs. finds it difficult to leave her home, so a visit there would work best. You choose the times. Having no car they require someone who could accompany them on outings.

- St Laurent/Innes area ... Two ladies who live in this area feel quite isolated from our community. They would welcome someone who could reach out to them a couple of times a month for an outing or perhaps help with an errand.

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- Art Program ... needs creative leaders to direct art projects for residents. Choice of one morning or afternoon weekly; bi-weekly or monthly.

- Shopping/Meidat Appointment Accompaniment ... Be available to accompany residents on an outing. Just a few hours once every month or two. Scheduling will be at your convenience.

- Entertainers ... Got a talent? Performers are welcome to apply and be enjoyed by all!

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**REMINDER: Beverley Zaifmann to talk about  
the Taller family on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 pm**



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## Made with Love

Cindy Feingold

### Honey Nut Salmon

I saw this recipe being prepared by Rose Reisman on Cityline TV and could not wait to try it. It is simple to prepare and tastes amazing. The maple and honey flavours are a wonderful complement to salmon.

3 tablespoons pecans, toasted and coarsely chopped  
3 tablespoons honey  
3 tablespoons maple syrup  
2 teaspoons butter  
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
4 6-ounce salmon fillets, skinless  
fresh coriander or parsley, chopped

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a small saucepan, simmer honey, maple syrup and butter for about 3-4 minutes, until slightly thickened.

Remove from heat, stir in mustard and toasted pecans. Cool slightly.

Place salmon on prepared baking sheet. Spoon half the pecan mixture evenly over the fish. Bake for 10 minutes per inch thickness of fish. Most salmon fillets are about 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches thick, so total cooking time would be about 10-15 minutes.

Remove salmon from the oven and spoon remaining sauce over the fillets. Sprinkle with parsley or coriander and serve.

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## Celebrating springtime!

The mountain of snow from the end of our cul-de-sac has finally melted and I see shoots of chives emerging from the earth in my herb garden. We have survived another long cold Ottawa winter and we deserve to celebrate the arrival of spring.

I personally have my own reason for celebrating the arrival of spring. I have, once again, successfully managed to avoid using my ice skates and snow skis for one more winter. Needless to say, I am not one of those who embrace

winter. I did try cross-country skiing two years ago, but my companions were far too athletic for me and left me in their powder, so to speak.

The first recipe of my springtime menu is for salmon with a honey-nut topping. One of the ingredients in this recipe is maple syrup. The honey and syrup combine to make a gooey sauce. The mustard in the sauce saves it from being too cloying.

The second recipe is for roasted asparagus. I offer a primer on choosing, storing, trimming and cooking the asparagus. While we can get asparagus year round from California, New Zealand, Mexico and South America, there is something especially wonderful about that first local asparagus of spring.

The menu is rounded out with an unusual cooking liquid for rice. Coconut milk is commonly used in the Caribbean and it infuses the rice with an exotic flavour.

### Coconut Rice

Serves 6

I often cook rice in liquids other than water to infuse the rice with more flavour. I have used chicken stock, orange juice and tomato juice. Using coconut milk is a Caribbean tip I picked up from the March 2004 issue of *Gourmet* magazine. I have made this recipe with both regular and light coconut milk, and while the regular is certainly richer in flavour, if you are watching calories, the light tastes just fine.

2 cups long-grain rice

2 teaspoons unsalted butter

1 can (398 mL) coconut milk, well shaken

1 1/4 cups water

1 (3-inch) cinnamon stick

1/4 teaspoon salt

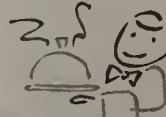
Rinse rice in a sieve under cold running water for 2-3 minutes. Drain well.

Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add rice and cook, stirring constantly, until it becomes opaque, about 3 minutes.

Stir in coconut milk, water, cinnamon stick and salt, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, covered for 20 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand, covered for 5 minutes. Discard cinnamon stick and fluff rice with a fork. Serve.

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## Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

On February 1, 2003 the American Space Shuttle Columbia exploded upon re-entering the earth's atmosphere. For Israel and world Jewry, the shock of that tragedy was especially profound. Colonel Ilan Ramon, Israel's first astronaut, had gloried in his long awaited first flight into space.

As he prepared for his mission, Ilan had gone out of his way to emphasize Jewish values, traditions and continuity. Among the personal items he had taken on board the shuttle were a tiny Torah scroll with a history, a drawing called *Moon Landscape* by a teenage victim of the Holocaust, a kiddush cup, a mezuzah, a miniature Chumash, an Israeli flag, an Israeli Air Force flag and a copy of Israel's Declaration of Independence. Though a secular Jew, Ilan had sought to represent all of Jewry. He had ordered kosher food for the flight and obtained rabbinical advice on when to observe Shabbat where "the sun rises and sets every 90 minutes."

The following books, each with a somewhat different emphasis, are moving testaments to Ilan's achievements and beliefs.

### *Ilan Ramon: Israel's Space Hero*

By Barbara Sofer  
Kar-Ben Publishing 2004  
64 pps. Ages 8 - 11

In *Ilan Ramon: Israel's Space Hero*, Barbara Sofer skillfully uses interviews, anecdotes and quotes to give young readers a sense of both Ilan and the Israel in which he grew up. The two seem to have been intricately bonded, even to his choice of a Hebrew name - borrowed from the Ramon Crater, a favourite hiking site - and to the dust and crystal experiments he conducted in space as a payload specialist.

Aided by numerous photographs, readers are able to get to know Ilan as a student, a decorated Israeli Air Force hero, the son of a Holocaust survivor and a sensitive, gifted individual who loved learning, meeting challenges and always, even in death, found a way of succeeding.

## Out of this world: the Israeli Connection

*Ilan Ramon: Israel's Space Hero* is more than an easy-to-read tribute to an accomplished individual. It is a testament to his sense of connection with the indomitable spirit of the Jewish people.

### *Ilan Ramon: Jewish Star*

By Devra Newberger Spergen  
The Jewish Publication Society 2004  
120 pps. Ages 10 - 14

*Ilan Ramon: Jewish Star* is intended for more mature young adult readers capable of handling its complex sentences, longer paragraphs and assumption of background knowledge.

While it covers much the same ground as *Ilan Ramon: Israel's Space Hero*, it goes into greater detail about Ilan's life and especially about his training as an astronaut in the U.S.

Replete with information about team formation, bonding, the nitty gritty as well as fun parts of life in space and quotes from Ilan and others, *Ilan Ramon: Jewish Star* captures his sense of eagerness, adventure and dreams of peace.

### *Keeping The Promise: A Torah's Journey*

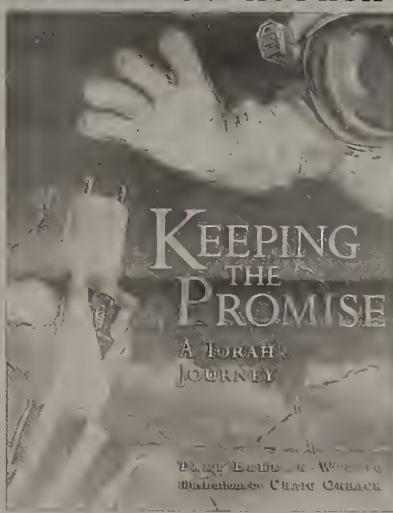
By Tami Lehman-Wilzig  
Illustrations by Craig Orback  
Kar-Ben Publishing 2004  
Unpaged Ages 6 - 10

Remember that tiny Torah scroll with a history I mentioned previously? *Keeping The Promise: A Torah's Journey* is the remarkable picture book that tells the story of that miniature scroll.

Its text is sensitively crafted and partially fictionalized. Its pictures are dignified, poignant and, at times, almost reverent. After reading the book, I was dewy eyed and awe struck. Truth and reality are indeed stranger and more compelling than fiction!

Who would ever have imagined that a tiny Torah scroll smuggled into Bergen-Belsen concentration camp by its prisoner-owner, Rabbi Simon Dasberg of Holland, would not only be used for a secret Bar Mitzvah service in the camp but also, decades later, fly into space with an Israeli astronaut?

"Keep this ... and promise you'll tell the story," the rabbi told the Bar Mitzvah boy, fellow prisoner Joachim Joseph.



From *Keeping the Promise*

handing him the Torah scroll as a Bar Mitzvah present. Joachim did.

Years later, Professor Joachim Joseph, an Israeli scientist working on the Mediterranean Dust Experiment destined for the Columbia Space Shuttle, told the story of his tiny scroll to Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon. A few weeks later Ilan asked Professor Joseph's permission to take the scroll with him into outer space.

"On January 21, 2003, while orbiting the earth, Ilan Ramon held up the Torah scroll for all the world to see." He told its story, adding: "This little Sefer Torah in particular shows the ability of the Jewish people to survive everything, even the darkest of times, and always to look forward with hope and faith for the future."

*Keeping The Promise: A Torah's Journey* fully captures the intrigue and inspiration of a story that can only be described as out of this world. Now, we are all bound to tell the tiny scroll's story, again and again. And that's a promise!



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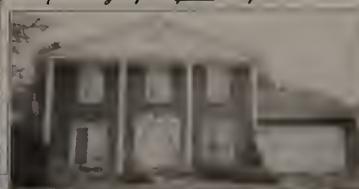


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## Zimmen Tov and Mazal Tov: books to celebrate one's coming of age



### The Book Beat

Kinneret Globerman

'Tis the Bar and Bat Mitzvah season when gift giving abounds. A book can be a very special gift. Herewith are some suggestions.

*Ask the Rabbi: The Who, What, When, Where, Why & How of Being Jewish*  
By Rabbi Ron Isaacs  
Jossey-Bass/John Wiley & Sons  
Hardcover, 2003

Kids ask a lot of questions, and when it comes to religious observance, kids can ask the dandiest. They usually come to us when we're totally unprepared for a question that requires some thought and an answer that will satisfy. That's where this book comes in.

With answers to questions like 'What does Judaism say about non-marital sex?' or 'Why can't an Orthodox man shake hands with a woman? Isn't that rude?', this book is a helpful resource for the inquisitive and searching Bar or Bat wanting to make sense of his and her Jewish legacy.

Rabbi Isaacs knows how *not* to talk to kids. His conversational style engages the adolescent reader just as his answers to fundamental questions ('Can you be Jewish and doubt the existence of God?', 'Why would God have made a world with so much suffering?'), controversial and Jew-

ish holiday inquiries ('Do Arabs have a legitimate right to claims on the same land as Jews do?', 'When I fast on Yom Kippur and all I can think of is food, what good is that when I'm supposed to be praying?'), and thoughtful responses to every other topic under the Jewish sun-downer (marriage, sex, women's issues, circumcision, keeping kosher, and on and on) will enlighten and engage them.

*Wise Men and Their Tales: Portraits of Biblical, Talmudic, and Hasidic Masters*  
By Elie Wiesel  
Schocken/Random House Inc.  
Hardcover, 2003

In a very conversational style – these essays were originally lectures given by Wiesel in recent years – the famous writer and recipient of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize takes the reader on an exploration of human nature and the divine.

Placing human behaviour into an historical and cultural context (Sodom's "social structure" was one where "everybody was a thief, a liar, a swindler, a sadist, a narcissist, a monster"), posing question after question along the way (how do we explain "that Abraham and Sarah are capable of gratuitous cruelty toward [Ishmael]?", "why should slander [in Miriam's case] be punished by leprosy?"), Wiesel prods the reader, sometimes allowing the questions to stand for themselves.

Because of its digestible and easygoing writing style, because of its exploratory thought-provoking content, *Wise Men* makes for an educational and perfectly fitting Bar/Bat Mitzvah gift.

*The Women's Haftarah Commentary: New Insights from Women Rabbis on the 54 weekly Haftarah Portions, the 5 Megillot and Special Shabbatot*  
Edited by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein  
Jewish Lights Publishing  
Hardcover, 2004

A nice companion to the rabbi's *The Women's Torah Commentary* (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2000), this book includes selections written by rabbis from the Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements. (Rabbi Goldstein laments that there are no female Orthodox rabbis and so contributions from that perspective are absent.) Although the rabbi intends this for both men and women, I think a Bar Mitzvah would appreciate it more.

*Treasures of the Heart: Holiday Stories That Reveal the Soul of Judaism*  
By Diane Wolkstein  
Schocken Books/Random House Inc.  
Hardcover, 2003

Wolkstein was a Shlomo Carlebach disciple for 26 years. She brings his legacy of storytelling to this book, melding

it with her own perspective of the Shechinah, God's feminine presence on earth, and Kabbalah.

Wolkstein has explored and written about "sacred stories from world mythology" for many, many years. The stories she retells here contain elements of a Dvar Torah, peppered as they are with the questions she poses and the personal interpretations she offers. Another Bat Mitzvah gift suggestion.

*I Am Jewish: Personal Reflections Inspired By The Last Words Of Daniel Pearl*  
Edited by Judea and Ruth Pearl  
Jewish Lights Publishing  
Hardcover, 2004

There's much food for Bar/Bat Mitzvah thought here.

The perspectives on what it means to be Jewish of close to 150 people are from some famous and some not-so-famous contributors: religious and secular, international and Canadian, youngsters and adults, scholars and writers, government officials and rabbis, scientists and entertainers, media people and community leaders.

They offer their thoughts under the categories of "Identity", "Heritage, Covenant, Closeness and Faith", "Humanity and Ethnicity", and "Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World) and Justice."

Each entry contains a picture of the contributor, a mini biography, a highlighted quote that basically summarizes the "essay" and then the "essay" in its entirety (some are only a couple of paragraphs long). *I Am Jewish* is as a propos as any book for children entering their B'nai Mitzvah.

#### This month at the Greenberg Families Library:

Anna Bilsky leads May's book discussion series on Wednesday, May 12, at 1:30 pm with Lewis Weinstein's book, *The Heretic*. This fast-paced, multi-generational work of historical fiction deals with the central issues of Christian anti-Judaism.

The Ottawa Jewish Film Society presents the film "Almonds and Raisins: A History of the Yiddish Cinema" on Sunday, May 16, at 2:00 pm. Russ Karel's documentary explores the Yiddish cinema through excerpts from many of its finest films. In English, and Yiddish with English subtitles, this 90-minute film was made in the UK in 1994. Open to SJCC and Library members.

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## Global Shtetl The Jewish Internet

Saul Silverman

The development and use of science and technology has been one of Israel's great success stories.

Across the entire gamut of scientific endeavour, this achievement has more than justified the Zionist dream of Chaim Weizmann, Albert Einstein and others, who, like the chalutzim who pioneered the land, were practical visionaries. Their vision was that science and culture would be central to building the Jewish state, while Israeli society would be at the centre of a renaissance of Jewish creativity and innovation.

In the main, these dreams have come true.

Israeli science has helped make the deserts blossom and has been integral to the country's defence. But Israeli research also made significant contributions to global science, from applied disciplines like medicine and computer science to "pure science."

When I did research on Israel's science policy in the 1970s, Israel stood seventh in UNESCO's rankings of contributions to global science. Israeli scientists were able to successfully compete for research support internationally, and added significantly to the country's hard currency earnings. Israel was also producing the first generation of high-tech products and spawning new startup companies in areas like computer science, electronics, medical devices and testing kits. Israeli systems science, in addition to its contributions to defence, had been applied to developing new approaches to trade and services, for example, the integrated approach to growing, packing and overnight air freight of high-value produce (such as flowers) to European markets.

### Overviews and history

Two websites offer introductions to Israeli science. Wikipedia provides a short encyclopedia article, with links related to topics such as universities, technology companies and famous Israeli scientists. The links to uni-

## Science in Israel: vision and achievement

versities and research institutes is particularly useful. They all have support groups in cities like Ottawa that offer interesting programs.

The Israel Science and Technology (S&T) Directory provides a detailed general portal. The Home Page sorts the thousands of Israeli S&T websites in three columnar views: a topical list of disciplines; organizations; and a miscellaneous list, including grant sources, job opportunities; and a website memorial to Ilan Ramon. Using this directory, you should be able to connect to any area of Israeli scientific research.

The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs published a summary of the development of Israeli science and technology during the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Israel's independence (1998). The article briefly summarizes the historical development of Israeli science and technology, then provides an overview of research and development in universities and institutes and technological progress of industry. It concludes with an outlook on future prospects in various fields.

### Current

The general level of Israel's scientific contribution is available in the data for various disciplines in the 1998/2002 period. The Sci-Bytes site tabulates this in two ways: the percentage share of Israeli scientific papers as part of the total published in each field, and the relative role as judged by frequency of scientific citations in that field.

In most of the natural sciences, Israeli research is significantly greater than the average as judged by citations: the three highest scorers are Materials Science (+57), Space Science (+50), and Computer Science (+47). Most of the older established fields also rank high, but, oddly enough, medical sciences tend to score below the world average for citations.

With this wealth of achievement, I thought that the best way of providing some examples was to go back to the S&T directory and choose four websites in different areas of interest. These will give readers a chance to sample the material and then go on to explore further, according to their own interests. These were:

• Computer science: the Computer Science Department at the Technion, "Israel's M.I.T."

• Biomedical research: Research and Development at the Hadassah Medical Center.

• Environmental sciences: the Institute for Desert Research, Ben Gurion University.

• Physics: The Faculty of Physics of the Weizmann Institute.

In the next issue of the *Bulletin*, I will look at how Israel responds to science and technology challenges and how research and development and innovative entrepreneurship combined to shape Israeli successes in technology.

### Websites

Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Science\\_of\\_Israel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Science_of_Israel)

Israel Science and Technology Directory:

<http://www.science.co.il>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/History/Modern%20History/Israel%20at%2050/Science%20and%20Technology%20in%20Israel>

Sci-Bytes: [http://www.in-cites.com/research/2004/February\\_2\\_2004-1.html](http://www.in-cites.com/research/2004/February_2_2004-1.html)

Technion Computer Science: <http://www.cs.technion.ac.il>

Research at Hadassah Medical Center: [http://www.hadassah.org.il/English/Eng\\_SuhNavBar/Research](http://www.hadassah.org.il/English/Eng_SuhNavBar/Research)

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

May 10 to 23, 2004



TUESDAY, MAY 11

Hillel Academy Auction 2004, a celebration of 55 years of excellence in Jewish education, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:00 pm. Info: Leiba Krantzberg 737-0825.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12  
Greenberg Families Library Book Discussion Group, "The Heretic" by Lewis Weinstein, 1:30 pm.

State of Israel Bonds Ottawa, Ambassadors of Peace, honouring Ambassador Haim Divon

and daughter Michelle Divon, Congregation Beth Shalom, 151 Chapel Street, 6:00 pm.

JETsetters Young Adults, In

Pursuit of a Meaningful Life, "What is God?" Second Cup, corner of Metcalfe and Slater, 7:30 pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 15  
Ottawa Modern Jewish School, 50th Anniversary, honouring founding OMJS families, home of Dr. N. Barwin, 73 Loach Isle Rd. 7:00 pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 16  
Ottawa Modern Jewish School, 50th Anniversary, afternoon of fun & games for the kids, book readings for the parents, Hillel Academy, 31 Nadolny Sachs Private 1:00 pm.

The Ottawa Jewish Film Society, "Almonds and Raisins": A History of the Yiddish Cinemas, 2:00 pm.

Agudath Israel Congregation, Tribute Retirement Dinner in honour of Rabbi Arnold Fine, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 6:00 pm.

Emunah Women of Ottawa, present humorist Michael Wex, Congregation Machziker Hadas, 7:00 pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 16  
UJA Women's Campaign, An evening with The Honourable Madame Justice Rosalie Abella, The Westin Hotel, 8:00 pm. (conference May 16 - 18)

MONDAY, MAY 17  
JET, Lawyers' Lunch and Learn, Gowlings, 160 Elgin, 26th Floor, 12:00 pm.

TUESDAY, MAY 18  
Ottawa Jewish Historical Society, Beverley Zaitman speaks about the history of the Taller Family, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 pm.

### CANDLELIGHTING

May 14 ⚫ 8:08 pm  
May 21 ⚫ 8:16 pm  
May 28 ⚫ 8:23 pm  
Jun 4 ⚫ 8:29 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19  
JETsetters Young Adults, In Pursuit of a Meaningful Life, "Why Pray?" Second Cup, corner of Metcalfe and Slater, 7:30 pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 20  
Friends of Simon Wiesenthal present "Unlikely Heroes," and reception for Anna Heimann, The National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, 7:30 pm.

## COMING SOON

SUNDAY, MAY 30  
UJA AAVI Jewish Festival, Jewish Community Campus (Broadview and Kerr), 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2  
70th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community of Ottawa, 7:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9  
OJHS presents Bertram Loeb speaking about the history of the Loeb family, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 pm.

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa Inc. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schaefer, calendar coordinator at 798-9818 ext. 265. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided and all events must be open to the Jewish public. You may fax to 798-9339 or email to bschafer@jccottawa.com.

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May their memory be a blessing always.

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